

Hood Canal Coordinating Council
A Vision for Hood Canal: Hood Canal Integrated Watershed Plan

Public Involvement Plan
Summary
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Strategy

To help in the determining the best method of outreach and education, HCCC has defined and categorized “the public” in levels of awareness where;

- **level 1** are the **local and state elected officials** that have been major contributors in the initiation and development process,
- **level 2** are **local environmental project partners** that play a big role in the watershed protection and restoration,
- **level 3** are **community service groups and clubs** that represent participants in the social and economic well being of our communities, and
- **level 4** are **individual citizens in *neighborsheds*** who are landowners that will have a voice in the process.

Initial Phase

In the initial phase, the HCCC will introduce the basic concept and approach of the HCCC integrated watershed plan, including developing a set of desired future conditions.

Level 3 audiences:

Presentations for Level 3 audiences to community service groups and clubs that represent participants in the social and economic well being of our communities will be scheduled into a monthly/annual meetings and that outreach process will be tailored for a 20-30 minutes timeframe. Feedback information will be collected from the meeting participants by a pre-made form for responses.

Level 4 audiences:

To facilitate level 4 public outreach, *Coffee Klatches*¹ will be conducted in neighborhood homes or local community venues to provide a less formal meeting setting where participants (i.e., landowners, etc.) can share their views and ideas.

Level 4 audiences will be introduced to the integration plan; purpose and goals as provided to level 1, 2 and 3 audiences but these forums main focus will be on the participant’s response to three questions; Why do you like living here?” What are your

¹ Based on an approach used by the Coos Watershed Association in the development of their watershed plans.

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concerns about the watershed? How do you want the watershed to be in 10 to 20 years from now? This information will be used in the integration plan for desired conditions.

Intermediate Phase

The Initial Phase information will be compiled into the integration plan and used to complete the draft integration plan. During the intermediate phase, HCCC and partners will seek input on the integrated plan components. They will provide to the public the assessment documents; inform them of recommended actions developed through these processes (i.e., restoration opportunities, programmatic actions) and collect survey data from them regarding their acceptability of the recommended actions. It is anticipated that a variety of discussion forums will need to be conducted to present the draft plan to date and gather appropriate and relevant input to incorporate into a final plan.

Final Phase

This phase of the public involvement plan will involve implementation of *A Vision for Hood Canal: Hood Canal Integrated Watershed Management Plan*. It will include discussing recommended actions and seeking involvement with the implementation of specific actions. The final phase will be outlined by the final integrated plan, and could include information exchange, volunteer opportunities, etc.

Timeline

Initial Phase: November 2009 through March 2010

- Introduction of integrated plan concept and approach level 1 and 2 audiences
- Introduction to integration plan concepts and feedback from level 3 and 4 audiences
- Discussion of vision and desired future conditions with levels 1, 2, 3 and 4

Intermediate Phase: April 2010 through September 2010

- Public review of integrated plan
- Incorporation of public involvement into Integrated Plan

Final Phase: October 2010 through 2013

- Implementation of Integrated plan